

The Eighty-Eighth Annual Junior Convention
of
The Florida Federation of Music Clubs



May 8-9, 2026

**State President's Theme: Music Gives Wings to the Intellect
and Flight to the Imagination**

National Junior Theme: Music... is our constant companion

**University of South Florida
3755 USF Holly Ave, Tampa, Florida**

2026 FFMC STATE JUNIOR CONVENTION PLANNING TEAM

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Claudia Brill, Suzanne Carpenter, Jennifer Guzman,
Cheryl Poe, Esther Umansky-Roth, Julia Seltzer,
Lisa Smith and Ivanka Stefanov

FRIDAY MAY 8, 2026
6:00 PM

Welcome and Introduction

The National Anthem

Jordina Wang

Special Performance by David Castro

*2025 recipient of the FFMC Junior Award for Outstanding Male Vocalist
and 1st Place in Vocal Art Song and Vocal Musical Theatre*

student of Jonathan Anderson

Out There (from “The Hunchback of Notre Dame”)

A. Menken

Opening Remarks

Junior Convention Chair

Emi P. Stefanov

FFMC Festivals Chair

Esther Umansky-Roth

Presentation of 60pt, 75pt and 90pt Federation Cups

(names of all recipients are listed on the back of the program)

FFMC Federation Cup Chair

Julia Seltzer

Consecutive Superior Recognition

Esther Umansky-Roth

Presentation of 2026 Awards

Morning Auditions

Closing Remarks

Junior Convention Chair

Emi P. Stefanov

FRIDAY MAY 8, 2026
8:00 PM

Welcome and Introduction

The National Anthem

Jordina Wang

Special Performance by Yumi Mimura

*2025 recipient of the Irene Muir Memorial Award
and 1st Place in Violin Solo, Violin Concerto and Violin Sightplay*
student of Huifang Chen

Concerto No.1 in A minor

J.B. Accolay

Opening Remarks

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Presentation of 2026 Awards
Afternoon Auditions

FFMC Festivals Chair

Esther Umansky-Roth

Closing Remarks

Junior Convention Chair

Emi P. Stefanov

**SATURDAY MAY 9, 2026
7:00 PM**

Welcome and Introduction

The National Anthem

Jordina Wang

Special Performance by Vihaan Sengupta

*2025 recipient of the FFMC Junior Award for Outstanding Violist,
and 1st Place in Violin Solo, Violin Concerto, Viola Solo, Viola Concerto,
Viola Sightplay, Violin Duet and Violin-Viola Duet*
student of Akiko Rivera

Sonata for Solo Violin, Op. 27 No. 2: IV. *Les Furies*

E. Ysaÿe

Opening Remarks

Junior Convention Chair
FFMC Festivals Chair

Emi P. Stefanov
Esther Umansky-Roth

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FFMC Federation Cup Chair
Consecutive Superior Recognition

Julia Seltzer
Esther Umansky-Roth

Presentation of 2026 Awards
2026 Gold Cup Senior Concerto Award
2026 Irene Muir Memorial Award

FFMC Festivals Chair

Esther Umansky-Roth

Closing Remarks

Junior Convention Chair

Emi P. Stefanov

FFMC'S SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PERFORMERS

Recipients of last year's Endowed Awards

David Castro is a 16-year-old tenor/baritone from Orange City, Florida, and a student at University High School. An accomplished vocalist, David is an active member of his school's show choir and a cappella group, as well as the Tri-M Music Honor Society. He studies voice privately with Jonathan Anderson and has furthered his training through programs at Stetson University's School of Music. David has earned consistent Superior ratings in both classical and musical theater categories through the Florida Federation of Music Clubs and the National Federation of Music Clubs, and was named Best Male Vocalist at FFMC in 2025. He has performed as a soloist in numerous venues. In



addition to his vocal work, David is an active theater performer and was recently cast in Spring Awakening. His other theater credits include Clue, The Wizard of Oz, Jekyll & Hyde, Aladdin, and Bye Bye Birdie. He is honored to be a featured performer at this year's FFMC State Competition.

Yumi Mimura is currently 10 years old and is in 4th grade. She is studying under the guidance of Ms. Huifang Chen.



Her violin journey began at age 4 with Dr. Hattie Ahn. In 2025, she placed first in the solo, concerto, and sight play categories in her class at the Junior Convention of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs and received the Irene Muir Memorial Award. Yumi also participates in the first violin of the Florida Youth Orchestra's Symphony orchestra. She is very passionate about playing the violin.



Vihaan Sengupta is a 13-year-old violinist & violist studying at North Broward Preparatory School (NBPS) and began learning to play the violin at age five. He currently studies with Akiko Rivera and Robert Davidovici. He has participated in the Florida Federation of Music Clubs (FFMC) Junior Convention since 2023, earning multiple top awards across solo, concerto, ensemble, and chamber music; in 2025 he won 1st place in Viola Solo and Viola Concerto, received the FFMC Junior Award for Outstanding Violist, and won 7 categories total across violin and viola. He also secured the 1st place at the 2026 FSMTA District VI Concerto Competition Strings Division Intermediate. He is the concertmaster of NBPS High School

Orchestra, Camerata di Magdalena, and All-State Middle School Orchestra. He has received the Florida Youth Orchestra's Andrea Service Award (2023) and scholarships/awards from the Mizner Society of Performing Arts (2024).

Jordina Wang is an accomplished musician who has been playing piano for nine years. She has earned numerous top honors through the Florida Federation of Music Clubs, including 1st Place in Piano Concerto II-A and II-B, 1st Place in Popular Piano Solo Level 6, and 1st Place in the Piano APFS Advanced Level.

Jordina has also received 30-point Festival Gold Cups in Piano Solo, Piano Concerto, and Violin Solo. In addition to piano, she plays violin, cello, and viola, winning 1st Place in Cello Solo Difficult III and Viola Solo Medium I.

At school, Jordina is the Principal Second Violinist of Winter Park High School's most advanced orchestra, which has been invited to perform at both the Boston Symphony Hall and Kennedy Center. Internationally, she has won 1st Place in the 12th Annual International Stockholm Music Competition for Piano as a secondary instrument.



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Paul Manucy, student of Lucy Chen
Joseph Savoie, student of Loretta Hake
Parker Wolf, student of Daniel Nagy
Lyna Tran, student of Kenji Suganuma
Elizabeth Blay, student of Wanda Louie

Xuyao Chloe Zhang, student of Mika Fujita
Addison Helle, student of Timothy Murphy
Daniel Y. Cai, student of Mei-Ju Chen
Talia Ciotti, student of Yvette Greene
Karen Zhao, student of Maria Gomez

13 Year Consecutive Superiors

Alice Bai, student of Ivanka Stefanov
Madison Fang, student of Olga Glick

Michael Wei, student of Mika Fujita
Paul Fredrick Wubbena IV, student of Inesa Gegprifti

60pt Federation Cup Trophy

Addison Helle, student of Timothy Murphy
Paul Manucy, student of Lucy Chen
Isabel Shao, student of Nadia Zarembo
Thenula Fernando, student of Jennifer Guzman
Lisa Liu, student of Stewart Kitts
Abby Privette, student of Jennifer Guzman
Daniel Wei, student of Mika Fujita
Xuyao Chloe Zhang, student of Mika Fujita

Richard Chi, student of Daniel Nagy
Parker Wolf, student of Daniel Nagy
Daniel Y. Cai, student of Mei-Ju Chen
Talia Jean Ciotti, student of Yvette Greene
Cecilia Thomas, student of Huifang Chen
Julie Ye, student of Huifang Chen
Karen Zhao, student of Maria I Gomez
Fiona Blackburn, student of Ghadeer Abaido
Robert Martinez, student of Kenji Suganuma

75pt Federation Cup Trophy

Sarah Yan, student of Stewart Kitts
Parker Wolf, student of Daniel Nagy
Alexis Lyons, student of Diana Heller
Lila Pistorius, student of Sue Colvert
Clara Thomas, student of Huifang Chen
William Kim, student of Olga Glick

90pt Federation Cup Trophy

Michael Wei, student of Mika Fujita
Alice Bai, student of Ivanka Stefanov
Lyna Tran, student of Kenji Suganuma